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SUBJECT:LAGOS SPEECH

1. IT OCCURS TO ME THAT THE "THREE BASIC COMMITMENTS"
WHICH THE SPEECH ALREADY SAYS WE SHARE WITH NIGERIA ALSO
REFLECT THE MAJOR ELEMENTS OF OUR RECENT BILATERAL
RELATIONSHIP--THE ASPECT OF THE SPEECH WHICH, IF I UNDER-
STOOD YOU CORRECTLY, YOU NEED TO BEEF UP. WE HAVE, AND
ARE CONTINUING TO WORK TOGETHER ON EACH OF THESE THREE
AREAS IN DEMONSTRABLE WAYS. BOTH WE AND THE NIGERIANS ARE
MAKING OUR OWN CONTRIBUTIONS AND INCREASINGLY OFTEN WE
FIND OURSELVES WORKING TOGETHER. AS SPEECH NOW STANDS,
MOST OF WHAT WE SAY HAS TO DO WITH OUR OWN OUTLOOK. WE
CAN CALL MORE ATTENTION TO WHAT NIGERIA IS DOING AND HOW
WE INTERACT FOR EXAMPLE:

2. FIRST COMMITMENT: MAJORITY RULE/INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS:
MUCH OF OUR MOST SERIOUS BILATERAL DEALINGS WITH NIGERIA
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IN 1977 HAS HAD TO DO WITH MAJORITY RULE IN THE SOUTHERN
AFRICAN CONTEXT. NIGERIA'S POLICY, LIKE OUR OWN, REFLECTS
AN ATTACHMENT TO PRINCIPLE.WE HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH
THEM ON ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA. THEY HAVE
LITTLE TO GAIN FOR THEMSELVES: THEIR CONCERN, LIKE OURS
IS FOR OTHERS.

3. SECOND PRINCIPLE: ECONOMIC GROWTH/HUMAN DEVELOPMENT.

(A) HERE IS A PIECE OF TEXT WHICH COULD BE USEFUL, IN WHOLE OR IN PART:

BEGIN TEXT: SINCE THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY WE HAVE WITNESSED A NEW ERA IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS OF THE WORLD, MARKED BY MUTUAL EFFORTS TO COOPERATE FOR THE ECONOMIC WELL BEING OF ALL PEOPLES. THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WHICH IS NOW DEVELOPING BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA CAN SERVE AS A WORTHY EXAMPLE OF THAT COOPERATION AT ITS BEST. OUR RELATIONSHIP IS INCREASINGLY MARKED BY A HEALTHY RESPECT FOR EACH OTHERS' INDEPENDENCE AND A GROWING RECOGNITION OF OUR INTERDEPENDENCE. THIS IS MOST OBVIOUS IN OUR TRADE RELATIONS. NIGERIA IS THE UNITED STATES' SECOND LARGEST SUPPLIER OF IMPORTED CRUDE OIL, AND A SUPPLIER WHO HAS NEVER THREATENED TO IMPEDE THE ENERGY SUPPLIES WHICH ARE SO VITAL TO THE WELFARE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE UNITED STATES IS THE LARGEST MARKET FOR NIGERIA'S PETROLEUM AND HENCE, THE LARGEST SUPPLIER OF THE PETROLEUM REVENUE WHICH IS SO VITAL TO THE DYNAMIC NIGERIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORT WHICH IS SO OBVIOUS IN LAGOS. END TEXT.

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(B) NIGERIA'S OWN CONTRIBUTION TO DEALING WITH THE NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC PROBLEM COULD BE POINTED UP WITH REFERENCES TO THE NIGERIAN ROLE IN BRINGING ABOUT THE LOME CONVENTION AND THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICA (ECOWAS).

--IN THE CASE OF LOME, NIGERIA TOOK THE LEAD IN DEALING WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, NOT OUT OF GAIN FOR NIGERIA, BUT ON BEHALF OF THEIR PART OF AFRICA AND OF THE THIRD WORLD. LOME IS BENEFICIAL TO BOTH EUROPE AND AFRICA: A MODEL FOR NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE FIRST AND THIRD WORLD.

--ECOWAS IS A FIRST STEP TOWARD BRINGING TOGETHER A TRI-LINGUAL (GUINEA BISSAU IS A MEMBER) GROUP OF STATES TO WORK TOGETHER ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. IT IS DESIGNED TO NEGATE THE ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF COLONIAL BOUNDARIES.

--THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZES THE CONTRIBUTION WHICH THE ECONOMIC STATESMANSHIP OF NIGERIA, EVIDENCED BY LOME AND ECOWAS, MAKES TO ITS OWN EFFORTS TO FIND NEW PATHS FOR CONSTRUCTIVE GLOBAL ECONOMIC INTERACTION.

4. FURTHER ON NIGERIAN-US RELATIONS IN THE SPHERE OF

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: THE NIGERIANS ARE JUSTLY PROUD OF THEIR COMMITMENT TO "UNIVERSAL PRIMARY EDUCATION (UPE)". ITS GOAL IS UPE BY 1980. TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL IT NEEDS TEACHERS. WE ARE PROUD THAT THEY HAVE TURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR THE TRAINING OF SO MANY OF THESE TEACHERS.

BEGIN TEXT: IN THE PAST YEAR WE HAVE BEEN PLEASED TO HAVE 1,000 NIGERIAN STUDENTS ENTER AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS UNDER YOUR MIDDLE LEVEL MANPOWER TRAINING PROGRAM. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING AT LEAST THAT MANY MORE IN THE COMING YEAR AND TO WORKING WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT TO EXPLORE HOW U.S. EXPERTISE MIGHT BE APPLIED TO DEVELOPING NIGERIA'S INDIGENOUS TRAINING CAPACITY. END TEXT.
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5. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ON A MORE PRACTICAL PLANE:

BEGIN TEXT: I AM HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT JUST BEFORE LEAVING ON THIS TRIP I APPROVED A REQUEST BY THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL WHICH WILL PERMIT THE CORPS TO PROVIDE, AS REQUESTED BY YOUR GOVERNMENT, A PROPOSAL FOR THE CORPS' PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NIGER RIVER SYSTEM, APPLYING THE EXPERTISE GAINED IN MANY YEARS OF WORK ON OUR OWN MISSISSIPPI RIVER. END TEXT.

6. FURTHER ON ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT:

BEGIN TEXT: TOMORROW, GENERAL OBASANJO AND I WILL BE DISCUSSING AT GREAT LENGTH HOW WE CAN BUILD ON THE EXCELLENT BEGINNING WE HAVE MADE. I EXPECT WE WILL EXPLORE HOW OUR GOVERNMENTS CAN COOPERATE IN AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND OTHER AREAS OF COMMON CONCERN. WE WILL ALSO CONSIDER HOW WE CAN DEVELOP AN ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH THE RESOURCES OF AMERICAN PRIVATE INVESTMENT CAN BE APPLIED TO THE NIGERIAN ECONOMY IN A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL MANNER WHICH WILL GIVE THE FULLEST MEANING TO A RELATIONSHIP OF INTERDEPENDENCE BASED ON FULL RESPECT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF BOTH OUR GREAT NATIONS. END TEXT.

7. THIRD COMMITMENT: SELF-DETERMINATION, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, ETC. YOU HAVE SOME OF THIS ALREADY BUT NIGERIA, PARTICULARLY OBASANJO, SHARES SOME OF OUR BELIEF IN THE PRACTICAL MECHANISMS OF THE UN. OBASANJO WAS A UN COMMANDER IN THE CONGO. HE RECOGNIZES THE ROLE THAT UN PEACEKEEPING FORCES CAN
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PLAY, E.G., IN ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA. ALSO, THE
PERSISTANT (IF RECKLESS) EFFORTS OF THE OAU GOOD
OFFICES COMMITTEE IN THE ETHIOPIA-SOMALI
DISPUTE INVOLVES US BILATERALLY IN PURSUIT OF THE
COMMON OBJECTIVE OF PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES.
NIGERIA PERSISTS IN ITS INTEREST IN A JUST AND LASTING
RESOLUTION IN THE FUTURE OF THE PROBLEM OF THE OGADEN.
MOREOVER, NIGERIA'S OWN EXAMPLE OF A HUMANE AND
SUCCESSFUL RECONCILIATION AND RECONSTRUCTION EFFORT
HAS APPLICABILITY TO THE OGADEN.

8. YOU MIGHT DO MORE WITH THE HISTORIC PARALLELS:

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTIONS

CIVIL WARS

FEDERALISM AS A MEANS OF DEALING WITH DIVERSITY

9. FINALLY, ON CULTURE: NIGERIA CONTRIBUTED MUCH
TO OUR CULTURE. WE ARE A PART OF THE BLACK DIASPORA.
AND LAST YEAR NIGERIA IMPRESSED ALL THE WORLD WITH
ITS IMPRESSIVE EFFORT IN HOSTING A WORLD GATHERING OF
BLACK CULTURES (FESTAC). (NIGERIA IS INORDINATELY
PROUD OF FESTAC: IT COST THEM A BUNDLE, BUT THEY
PULLED IT OFF. WE WERE PROUD TO BE A PART.) COOPER

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